

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
OCCUPATIONAL FAMILY AND CONSUMER
SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES VOCATIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE**

**FOOD PRODUCTION, MANAGEMENT AND RELATED SERVICES - SECONDARY
HOUSING AND HOME ENVIRONMENTS - SECONDARY
APPAREL AND TEXTILES - SECONDARY
VOCATIONAL FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES, OTHER - SECONDARY**

I. INITIAL TWO (2)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

A. OPTION I:

1. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
2. Baccalaureate degree in Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences Education, or a related degree in area to be taught; and
3. One thousand (1,000) hours of occupational experience; or

B. OPTION II:

1. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
2. Associate degree or two (2)-year certificate in program area to be taught; and
3. Two thousand (2,000) hours of occupational experience; or

C. OPTION III:

1. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
2. Course in Methods of Teaching Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences Education or Vocational Education; and
3. Four thousand (4,000) hours of occupational experience.

II. RENEWAL FOR A TWO (2)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

- A. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
- B. Evidence of progress toward removal of deficiencies must be submitted at each two (2)-year renewal period. This certificate may be reissued two (2) times with all deficiencies for a five (5)-year certificate removed within six (6) years.

III. INITIAL FIVE (5)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

A. OPTION I:

1. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
2. Baccalaureate degree in Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences Education, or a related degree in area to be taught;
3. Two thousand (2,000) hours of occupational experience; and
4. Eight (8) semester hours of professional vocational education*; or

B. OPTION II:

1. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical

preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;

2. Associate degree or two (2)-year certificate in program area to be taught;
3. Three thousand (3,000) hours of occupational experience; and
4. Eight (8) semester hours of professional vocational education*; or

C. OPTION III:

1. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
2. Four thousand (4,000) hours of occupational experience;
3. Eight (8) semester hours of professional vocational education*;
4. Nine (9) semester hours of technical education (subject matter)**; and
5. Three (3) semester hours of additional professional vocational education courses***.

IV. RENEWAL FOR A FIVE (5)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

- A. The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
- B. Confirm attendance at three (3) conferences regarding vocational family and consumer sciences and human services education during the five (5) year period; and
- C. Complete three (3) semester hours (college credit) of course work relevant to the area being taught. Substitutions may be made as follows:
 1. Attendance at technical and/or professional workshop(s) sponsored by industry, business, or organizations relevant to Child Care and Guidance Workers and Managers. Twenty (20) clock hours equal one (1) credit hour; or
 2. Three hundred twenty (320) clock hours of occupational experience consisting of techniques and skills utilized in the instructional program or experience that will allow the instructor to improve, expand, or update the instructional program.

*Professional vocational education requirements (eight (8) hours from the following courses):

Program Development;
Curriculum Development;
Teaching Methods; and/or
Evaluation and Assessment

**Technical Education (subject matter):

A minimum of nine (9) semester hours directly related to the goals and objectives of the occupational program to be taught.

***Additional professional vocational education courses:

Philosophy of Vocational Education
Career and Technical Student Organization Techniques/Activities (FCCLA)
Curriculum Development in Vocational Education
Adult Education
Vocational Guidance
Educational Psychology
Educational Foundations

NOTE: Occupational experience must contribute directly to the competency required in the occupational area(s) to be taught. The experience shall have been of such nature and quality as to give recognized statuses in the occupation(s) represented. The experience must be within the last six (6) years.

It is the responsibility of the instructor to complete the appropriate application for the five (5)-year renewal of a certificate in occupational family and consumer sciences and human services and provide the appropriate documentation.